H. R. 866.

[Report No. 262.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

March 3, 1857.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Andrew Oliver, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To provide pensions to certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United States June 18, 1812.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer,
- 4 musician, and private soldier, and all persons belonging to or
- 5 serving in any of the staff departments, or under any of the
- 6 officers of the staff, who shall have served for the term of three
- 7 months or over, in one or more terms, during the war with
- 8 Great Britain, declared by the United States on the eighteenth
- 9 day of June, eighteen hundred and twelve; and every com-
- 10 missioned officer, non-commissioned officer, musician, mariner,

or marine, who served at the same time, and for a like term, in 11 the naval service of the United States, who is yet a resident 12 citizen of the United States, and who is, or hereafter, by reason 13 of his reduced circumstances in life, shall be, in need of assistance 14 for his support, and shall make the same appear to the satisfaction 15 of the Secretary of the Interior, under such rules and regulations 16 as may be prescribed, shall receive a pension from the United 17 States—if an officer, of twenty dollars per month during life; if 18 a non-commissioned officer, musician, mariner, marine, or pri-19 20 vate soldier, of eight dollars per month during life.